

# Harford County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes November 28, 2011

### Attendance:

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Associate Members Present:
Susan Austin	Amy Axel	Matt Combs
Niki Biggs	Reverend Ellison	
Bob Coen	Councilman Guthrie	
Helene Dubay	Steve Sopol	
Keith England		
Kathy Halliday		
Laurie Kwiedorowicz		
Mike Mathias		
Ben Mayforth		
Tracy Moore		
Marc Weinstein		
Andrea Wiley		

- I. Chairperson Marc Weinstein called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.
- III. Committee Reports:
  - A. Membership: The following Commissioner terms will expire soon: Michael Mathias on February 10, 2012 and Helene Dubay on March 5, 2012. The Membership Committee will contact them about their interest in reappointment.
  - B. Accessibility:
    1. Fair Housing Services: The Department of Community Services' Fair Housing Services contract for 2012 has not yet been awarded.
    2. Accessible County Facilities: No new information.
    3. Request for Waiver of the MD Accessibility Code: A request has been received. More information next month.

4. Ramps Program: Community Development Block Grant funds are just being allocated. Information about upcoming projects will be provided as it is available.
  5. Operation Access: Sgt. Wilkinson presented a report on the Harford County Sheriff's Office/Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) joint "Disabled Persons Parking Compliance" effort on November 4, 2011. Deputies and MVA staff conducted a compliance check at the following parking lots: Abingdon Wal-Mart, Wegmans, Abingdon Target, Lowes, and the Fallston Wal-Mart. Deputies made 67 contacts with patrons using placards or registration plates. Contacts were informed of the detail and asked to provide their MVA-issued medical verification card. 58 were validated, 7 traffic citations and 1 parking citation were issued, and 8 placards were confiscated. Congratulations to the Sheriff's Office on another successful detail!
- C. Education Committee: Helene Dubay reported that:
1. The Expo for Transitioning Youth will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Bel Air High School, 100 Heighe Street, Bel Air.**
  2. The planning committee is finalizing workshop topics to include: Social Security and other benefits; Division of Rehabilitation Services and Workforce Technology Center; Maryland Workforce Exchange; Self-Advocacy; Estate Planning; High-demand Occupation Training (HOT) programs at Harford Community College, etc.
  3. The next meeting of the Expo Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the AV room of the Bel Air Branch of the Harford County Public Library.
- D. Government and Community Relations Committee:
1. Web page: Bob Coen announced that the ADA Mid-Atlantic Information Center is under the "Spotlight on Services" feature on the Commission's webpage.
  2. Legislative Committee: Laurie Kwiedorowicz reported no new information. The 2012 Maryland General Assembly Session convenes on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.
  3. Voice of the Disability Community:
    - Maryland Alliance of Local Commissions and Committees on Disabilities: The next meeting will be held on

December 3, 2011 in Howard County. Commissioners interested in attending should contact Sharon.

- Maryland Youth Leadership Forum: Independence Now has announced that the Youth Leadership Forum will be held in the summer of 2012. The application is available at <http://www.innow.org/home/youth-leadership-forum/apply> . Date to be determined.
- Jurisdictional Planning Group: A focus group for individuals with functional needs and service providers was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Bel Air Branch of the Harford County Public Library to collect feedback on gaps in services/emergency preparedness for persons with functional needs.

- E. Employment Committee: Niki Biggs reported that:
1. The Committee sponsored a free training on the Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWE) on October 27, 2011 at the Aberdeen Workforce Center. Seven representatives of service provider agencies attended the workshop which was presented by Employment Committee Co-Chair Jackie Angerhofer.
  2. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Aberdeen Workforce Center.
- F. Transportation Committee: The Transportation Committee is working to set up a meeting with Chimes/Alliance representatives to discuss transportation options to travel to custodial jobs at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the historic "Bel Air Colored High School".

IV. Disabilities Coordinator Report: No new information.

V. Old Business: There was none.

VI. New Business:

- A. The Commission voted to cancel its December meeting, which falls on December 26<sup>th</sup>, a holiday.
- B. Presentation on Maryland Access Point (MAP): Karen Winkowski, Administrator, Harford County Office on Aging, will discuss the implementation of MAP in Harford County in 2012.

VII. Public Comment and Announcements:

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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